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Via CM/ECF

The Honorable Maryellen Noreika J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building 844 N. King Street Unit 19 Room 4324 Wilmington, DE 19801-3555

Re: Mac Isaac v. Cable News Network, Inc. et al., No. 1:23-cv-00247-MN

Dear Judge Noreika:

This firm represents POLITICO LLC ("Politico") in the above-captioned matter. I write to update the Court on the status of this action and of the remanded proceeding pending in the Delaware Superior Court.

As Your Honor will recall, Plaintiff John Mac Isaac asserted defamation claims against U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff, Robert Hunter Biden, Politico and Cable News Network, Inc. ("CNN") in an action filed in Superior Court. On January 30, 2023, Defendants Politico and CNN moved to dismiss for failure to state a claim. See ECF 3-61 & 3-68. On March 7 and 8, the United States removed the case to this Court, moved to substitute for Rep. Schiff and moved to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. See ECF Nos.1, 2, 4. On March 24, after Plaintiff failed to respond timely to the United States' motion, this Court dismissed as to the United States and remanded the case back to the Superior Court. ECF 15, 16. That same day, Plaintiff moved to set aside the judgment, which motion is fully briefed. ECF 18, 19, 20.

Plaintiff advised us that instead of opposing our Motion to Dismiss he will amend his Complaint. Defendants consented to the filing of the amended pleading, and Politico and CNN notified Plaintiff we will renew the Motion to Dismiss promptly after the amendment is filed. Plaintiff has represented to Defendants that the Superior Court prothonotary is unwilling to accept the filing of the amendment until the motion to set aside the judgment pending in this Court is resolved.

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In the interest of judicial efficiency, we respectfully request that Plaintiff's motion to set aside the judgment be decided as soon as practicably possible so that the parties may move forward in the appropriate forum. We are available at the Court's convenience if Your Honor has any questions about the status of this matter or the pending Motion.

Respectfully,

/s/ David J. Margules

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